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PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey Program operates as a nation-wide series of locally sponsored projects in the Division of Community Service Programs of the Work Projects Administration. The Program, organized by Luther H. Evans in 1935, is now under the direction of Sargent B. Child.

The Guide to Public Vital Statistics Records in Florida is based on data secured in the fall of 1940, when the Program made an inventory of public vital statistics records in the several States at the request of the National Defense Commission and the United States Bureau of the Census. The primary arrangement of the Guide is by type of vital statistics record, the secondary arrangement by governmental unit. The records entries show inclusive dates, nature of the record, number of volumes or other containers, method of arrangement, indexing, title and address of the custodian, and the cost of certified copies, or a statement that certified copies are not available.

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INTRODUCTION

Vital statistics records have a three-fold importance. They are a large part of the material from which the genealogist compiles his family trees; they contain the data on which the vital statistician bases his charts and tables; and they constitute legal proofs of nativity and social relationships whose substantiation, or lack of substantiation, vitally affects the social and economic interests of individuals.

In Florida, as elsewhere, the keeping of vital statistics records was originally a province of the Church. The oldest records of births, marriages, and deaths in what is not the United States are to be found at St. Augustine. They are the original records of the Catholic Parish of that city. Continuous from 1594 to 1763,(1) they are interrupted for the period during which the English occupied Florida, but resume in 1784.

While the records of no other church in Florida cover so long a date span as do those at St. Augustine, the birth, marriage, and death records of Roman Catholic Churches, where they have survived, are usually accurately and carefully kept. Similar records have customarily been kept by Protestant Episcopal Churches, but there has been no uniformity of practice among the churches of other Protestant denominations.

The legal importance of marriage and divorce records was early recognized in Florida, and provision was made for their recording and preservation by public agencies. The legal significance of birth and death records was not recognized, however, until many years later. Indeed, the earliest concern over such records in this State seems to have been to secure adequate data for statistical purposes, rather than to preserve a record of individual births and deaths. Adequate statistical data were secured only when effective provision was made in 1915 for filing records of individual births and deaths with a central agency. While marriages and divorces have always been fairly well recorded, the recording agencies are decentralized in the counties, and it was not until 1927, some years after the effective reporting of births and deaths was achieved, that the central reporting of marriages and divorces was made obligatory on the recording officers. Thus, while individual marriage and divorce records antedate individual birth and death records in Florida by a considerable number of years, reliable birth and death statistics are to be had for a decade before similar statistics are available for marriages and divorces.

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1. See Verne E. Chatelain, "Spanish Contribution's in Florida to American Culture," Florida Historical Quarterly, XIX (Jan. 1941), 240 fn.

Introduction

The first recording of births and deaths by public agencies in Florida was under municipal ordinances. Key West provided for such recording in 1874,(2) and St. Augustine in 1878.(3) In 1877 a special act creating a board of health for the city of Jacksonville empowered that board to act as a legislative body in regard to the regulation of vital statistics in the city.(4) Orlando adopted an ordinance requiring the registering of births and deaths in December 1890,(5) and Pensacola seems to have adopted a similar ordinance in 1891.(6) Ocala also seems to have passed such an ordinance in 1890. The concept that the recording of vital statistics was a municipal function was embodied in the act of 1881 that provided for boards of health in all incorporated cities or towns containing 300 or more registered voters, for that act authorized such boards to act in all matters pertaining to vital statistics.(7)

When county boards of health were established in 1885 they were given similar powers in regard to vital statistics,(8) but no mention was made of vital statistics in the 1889 act that repealed, though reenacting most of the provisions of, the 1885 act.(9) Since the State Board of Health, established in 1889,(10) was given no express powers in regard to vital statistics, statutory provision for the recording of births and deaths was entirely lacking. The State Board of Health, however, appreciating "the necessity of a compilation of vital statistics and the want of a system of this kind of any description,"(11) by regulation required statistical reports of births, deaths, and marriages from the county boards.(12)

The results were far from satisfactory. Although the law providing for county boards of health was general in its application, the State Health Officer stated in his first report that only 27 of the 45 counties had boards of health, and that in 17 of the coun-

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2. Florida State Board of Health, Annual Report, 1913, p. 5.
3. Charter and Ordinances of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, 1896, p. 123.
4. Acts, 1877, ch. 3059, secs. 1-2.
5. The certificates reported in this inventory state that they were filed under the ordinance of Dec. 19, 1890.
6. The ordinance is to be found in Code of Ordinances of the City of Pensacola, 1902, pp. 55-56, but the date of passage is not shown.
7. Acts, 1881, ch. 3312, secs. 1, 4.
8. Acts, 1885, ch. 3603, secs. 1, 8.
9. Acts, 1889, ch. 3859.
10. Ibid., ch. 3839.
11. Florida State Board of Health, Annual Report, 1889, p. 20.
12. Ibid., pp. 52-53, 72.

ties having boards there had been no organization perfected that "would place them in a position to enforce legally their Rules and Regulations."(13) The only way in which adequate statistics could be secured, he said, was "for the State Health Board to take the matter entirely into its own hands; to establish under it a complete statistical bureau . . . [and to] urge upon the different authorities the necessity of keeping strict account of and reporting births, marriages and deaths . . . ."(14)

In its second report the State Board recommended legislation to make the State Health Officer Registrar of Vital Statistics and to provide for the appointment by the Governor, upon recommendation of the Board, of a county health officer for each county, whose "primary duty should be the collection and forwarding to the office of the State Board . . . reports of the births, deaths and marriages, which occur in their territories . . . ."(15) In 1891, at the instance of the Board, bills were introduced in the Legislature providing for the creation of a State Bureau of Vital Statistics, with the State Health Officer as State Registrar, and for the collection of vital statistics in the several counties of the State. The latter bill, instead of providing for county health officers as recommended in the 1890 report, would have placed upon the several county judges the duty of keeping a record of births, deaths, and marriages and of transmitting to the State Board monthly tabulated statements thereof.(16) Reintroduced in 1893, the bills were passed by the Legislature, but were vetoed by the Governor.(17) Since the 1893 Legislature had, pursuant to the recommendation of the State Board, abolished county boards of health,(18) the State Board was left with no machinery for the collection of vital statistics.

The State Board thereupon appealed to the medical profession of the State to report births and deaths directly to it upon postcards. The proper certificate form was printed upon the backs of the cards, which were furnished free by the Board.(19) The Board repeatedly professed to be highly pleased with the success of this plan,(20) which was continued even after a State Bureau of Vital Statistics

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13. Ibid., p. 7.
14. Ibid., p. 21.
15. Ibid., 1890, pp. 11-12.
16. The texts of these bills are to be found in ibid., 1891, pp. 45-49, and ibid., 1892, pp. 66-70.
17. Ibid., 1893, p. 25.
18. Acts, 1893, ch. 4177.
19. Ibid., p. 26.
20. Id.; ibid., 1894, p. 17; ibid., 1897, p. 40; ibid., 1900, p. 60.

was established in 1899.(21) Indeed, as the State Health Officer stated, the 1899 act merely "invested with the authority of legislative enactment what had previously been but a regulation of the Board."(22)

The Jacksonville fire of May 3, 1900 destroyed the building in which the State Board of Health office was located, "burning up completely every record and paper belonging to the Board, except the Minute Book,"(23) Before the Board's statistical division was revived after this disaster, the United States Bureau of the Census was consulted in regard to the inauguration of a uniform system of collecting birth and death records.(24) A bill to put in operation the system recommended by a joint committee from the American Medical Association and the American Public Health Association, and concurred in by the Bureau of the Census, was submitted to the Legislature in 1903, but failed of passage. The Board then decided that it had authority to carry out the suggestions of the Bureau of the Census as rules and regulations of the Board, and proceeded to try to do so.(25) The results were disheartening, for physicians and midwives, upon whose cooperation the success of the plan depended, were lax in making the necessary reports. In his report for 1905, after mentioning the total number of births, deaths, and marriages for the State, the State Health Officer remarked that the "figures are not vouched for as accurately representing the total life movement of the population of the State," and concluded that statistical reports would have to be abandoned unless physicians submitted more accurate reports.(26) Publication of vital statistics did stop, beginning with the 1907 report, although the State Health Officer said that the Board had "not altogether abandoned the hope of acquiring some day a better vital statistical record."(27)

The State Health Officer(28) resumed the attack in his report for 1912, stimulated perhaps by the fact that Jacksonville and Key West were admitted to the United States registration area for deaths in that year.(29) If Florida was ever to be admitted to the registration area, he said, the Legislature must authorize the Board to

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21. Acts, 1899, ch. 4694.
22. Florida State Board of Health, Annual Report, 1900, p. 61.
23. Ibid., p. 4.
24. Ibid., 1902, p. 11.
25. Ibid., 1903, pp. 139-140; ibid., 1904, pp. 8-9.
26. Ibid., 1905, p. 117.
27. Ibid., 1907, p. 16.
28. During the entire period under discussion, Dr. Joseph Y. Porter was State Health Officer.
29. Ibid., 1912, p. 21.

obtain vital statistics in some other way than through practicing physicians. He suggested that if cities of more than 2,000 population would by ordinance collect reports of births and deaths within their limits, fully 30 percent of the State would be covered.(30) The Bureau of the Census was again consulted, and it agreed to admit to the registration area, as a class, all Florida cities with populations between 2,000 and 10,000, if they all participated in the plan to secure the recording of births and deaths by ordinance.(31) Cities of the designated size were approached by representatives of the Board, a vigorous press campaign was begun, and before the end of 1913 the plan gave evidence of being successful.(32) Response was so favorable, in fact, that in 1914 all Florida cities and towns, regardless of size, were invited to participate by passing ordinances.(33) Public interest aroused by this campaign was sufficiently great to insure passage of a "model" vital statistics law in 1915.(34)

The provisions of the 1915 act did not become operative until midnight of December 31, 1916, the reporting of births and deaths being continued under the old system until that date.(35) Florida was admitted to the registration area for deaths in 1919, and to the registration area for births in 1924.(36) State-wide figures on births and deaths have been published by the State Board of Health in its Annual Report since 1917. Beginning with 1919, mortality figures for Florida, and with 1924, birth figures for the State, are to be found in the publications of the United States Bureau of the Census.(37)

The records of the State Bureau of Vital Statistics are not open for consultation by individuals. Inquiries concerning records there should be addressed to the State Registrar, State Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville, Florida. County and municipal records throughout the State are open to inspection by any legal resident of Florida. Where records entries indicate that a series is indexed, copies of desired material can usually be secured by addressing the custodian. Where a series is not indexed, a personal search of the records would probably be necessary on the part of any person desiring data therefrom.

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30. Ibid., p. 65.
31. Florida Health Notes, VIII (Aug. 1913), 131.
32. Florida State Board of Health, Annual Report, 1913, p. 48.
33. Florida Health Notes, IX (Aug. 1914), 151-152.
34. Acts, 1915, ch. 6892.
35. Florida State Board of Health, Annual Report, 1916, p. 203.
36. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Physicians' Handbook on Birth and Death Registration, p. 26.
37. Florida State Board of Health, Annual Report, 1925, p. V-1.

BIRTH RECORDS

The first Florida law requiring that births be reported to a central authority was passed in 1899. From 1881 to 1885 municipal boards of health,(1) whose jurisdictions were county-wide, and, from 1885 to 1889, county boards of health were empowered to act in all matters pertaining to vital statistics.(2) From 1889 to 1899 there was no statutory provision relating specifically to the collection of vital statistics.

Under its powers to make and enforce such rules and regulations as might be necessary for the preservation of the public health(3) and to supervise and control county boards of health,(4) the State Board of Health, which was established in 1889,(5) required of county boards of health monthly statistical reports of births.(6) It also prescribed the form of birth certificates, but these certificates were to be filed with the local boards.(7) When, in 1893, county boards of health were abolished in all counties except Escambia and Franklin,(8) the State Board, still by regulation, instituted a system of reporting births under which birth certificates, printed upon the backs of postcards, were mailed directly to the State Board by physicians and midwives.(9)

The 1899 act, which created a State Bureau of Vital Statistics with the State Health Officer as Registrar, gave the sanction of law to the system begun in 1893. The act directed the attending physician, nurse, or head of the family to report every birth, as soon as possible after its occurrence, to the State Board of Health, or its agent, on blanks prescribed and furnished free by the Board. Births occurring in a city or town having a health department might be reported through the municipal health officer. Although the Registrar was required to compile and publish monthly statistics of births,(10) no express provision was made for the preservation of the original reports of births, nor was the Registrar authorized

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1. The Governor was required to appoint such a board in every incorporated city or town having 300 or more registered voters (Acts, 1881, ch. 3312, sec. 1).
2. Acts, 1881, ch. 3312, sec. 4; Acts, 1885, ch. 3603, sec. 8; Acts, 1889, ch. 3859, sec. 8.
3. Acts, 1889, ch. 3839, sec. 12.
4. Ibid., sec. 20; ibid., ch. 3859, sec. 6.
5. Ibid., ch. 3839, sec. 1.
6. Florida State Board of Health, Annual Report, 1889, pp. 52-53, 72.
7. Ibid., p. 54.
8. Acts, 1893, ch. 4177, sec. 7. The Escambia and Franklin County boards had no powers in regard to vital statistics.
9. Florida State Board of Health, Annual Report, 1893, p. 26.
10. Acts, 1899, ch. 4694, secs. 1-2; G. S., 1906, secs. 1144-1145.

to issue certified copies of them.

In January 1905, the State Board, again by regulation, appointed county registrars through whom births were to be reported to the State Board. The county registrars, in turn, appointed sub-registrars. This system was discontinued on June 30, 1906, the responsibility for making reports directly to the State Board devolving again upon physicians and midwives, as required by law.(11)

In July 1913 the State Board took steps to make operative that provision in the 1899 act that permitted the reporting of births through municipal health officers. The 29 incorporated cities in Florida with populations of more than 2,000 were circularized and asked to pass ordinances requiring the recording of births and deaths. The response was immediate and favorable. The State Board designated as registrars the municipal officers appointed under such ordinances. The registrars, in most instances, transmitted the original certificates to the State Board, retaining transcripts for their files. In a few cases, where the local ordinance required that the original certificates be filed with the city officer, transcripts of certificates were filed with the State Board. Certificates were made on the standard form of the United States Bureau of the Census.(12) In 1914 all incorporated cities and towns, regardless of their size, were invited to participate in this plan for reporting vital statistics,(13) and numerous small municipalities responded by adopting the necessary ordinance.

In 1915 a model vital statistics law was passed. Under this law the State is divided into registration districts, with each incorporated city or town constituting a primary registration district. That part of each county not within the limits of a municipal corporation is divided by the State Registrar into as many rural registration districts as he deems necessary.(14) The State Registrar appoints a local registrar in each district. He is authorized to designate as local registrar a health officer or other municipal official when, in his judgment, such officials are conducting effective registrations of births and deaths under local ordinances.(15)

A certificate of birth must be filed by the attending physician

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11. Florida State Board of Health, Annual Report, 1904, pp. 8-9; ibid., 1906, pp. 92-99.
12. Ibid., 1913, pp. 5-6, 45-46.
13. Florida Health Notes, IX (Aug. 1914), 151-152.
14. Acts, 1915, ch. 6892, sec. 3; R. G. S., 1920, sec. 2070; C. G. L., sec. 3270.
15. Acts, 1915, ch. 6892, sec. 4; R. G. S., 1920, sec. 2071; C. G. L., sec. 3271.

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or midwife with the local registrar of the district within which the birth occurred within 10 days after the date of such birth. The certificate must be on the standard form approved by the United States Bureau of the Census, and must be written legibly in durable black ink. Blank forms are prepared, printed, and furnished to local registrars by the State Registrar, and it is the duty of the former to furnish blank forms to such persons as require them. The local registrar is required to copy each certificate registered by him in a record book supplied by the State Registrar, to be preserved as a local record in such manner as the State Registrar may direct. On the tenth day of each month he must transmit to the State Registrar all original certificates filed with him during the preceding month.(16)

The State Registrar is directed to arrange, bind, and permanently preserve the original certificates in a systematic manner. He is further directed to prepare and maintain a "comprehensive and continuous" card index of all births registered.(17) The State Registrar must, upon request and the payment of a fee of 50 cents, supply to any applicant a certified copy of the record of any birth registered with him. Such a certified copy is prima facie evidence, in all courts, of the facts therein stated.(18)

Provision was made in 1929 for the delayed registration of births. The attending physician or midwife, or the father, mother, older brother or sister, or other person knowing the facts, may file with the Bureau of Vital Statistics a birth certificate, which must be accompanied with such sworn statements as the State Registrar may require. Certificates thus filed with, and accepted by the State Registrar, are admissible in evidence with like force and effect as other vital statistics records.(19)

The issuance of new birth certificates in cases of legitimization, adoption, or establishment of paternity of an illegitimate child by the judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction was authorized in 1939. The State Registrar must substitute such new certificate, when made, for the certificate on file in the Bureau of Vital Statistics. The original certificate, with all papers pertaining thereto, is placed under seal, not to be broken except by

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16. Acts, 1915, ch. 6892, secs. 14-15, 18-19; R. G. S., 1920, secs. 2084-2085, 2088-2089; C. G. L., secs. 3284-3285, 3288-3289.
17. Acts, 1915, ch. 6892, sec. 18; R. G. S., 1920, sec. 2088; C. G. L., sec. 3288.
18. Acts, 1915, ch. 6892, sec. 21; R. G. S., 1920, sec. 2091; C. G. L., sec. 3291.
19. Acts, 1929, ch. 13864, secs. 1-2; Supp., C. G. L., secs. 3301(1)-3301(3).

court order or at the request of the person whose birth is the subject of the certificate. When a certified copy of the birth certificate of the person is issued, it must be a copy of the new certificate, except when otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or requested by the person whose birth the certificate attests.(20)

This inventory does not list the copies of birth certificates in the custody of local registrars, or those filed with the State Board of Health by municipal health officers in 1913 and subsequent years,(21) as the originals of all such certificates are filed with the State Bureau of Vital Statistics. An effort has been made to locate and list original birth records kept by local governmental units prior to effective operation of the central reporting system.

Certificates of live births on file with the State Bureau of Vital Statistics show the following information: Certificate number, date received, name of county, city and institution or address where birth occurred, period of mother's stay in hospital or community before delivery, usual residence of mother, name of child, date of birth, sex, whether twin or triplet and, if so, numerical order of delivery, marital status of mother, name, color, age, birthplace, occupation, and place of occupation of father and mother, number of other living children borne by mother, number born alive but now dead, number stillborn, mailing address of mother, certification of birth attendant of hour of birth, name of person giving information about parents, and relationship of informant to child, with signature of attendant, capacity, address, and date of signature, date certificate received by local registrar, date given name of child added, and signature of local registrar. Certificates of stillbirths, entered on a separate form, show, in addition to the above information, whether child died before or during labor, complications of pregnancy, complications of labor, whether labor induced, if operation made for delivery, all operations made, whether death occurred before or during operation, fetal causes of stillbirth, maternal causes of stillbirth, date, place, and method of disposal of body, signature and address of funeral director, statement of coroner or local registrar if physician not present at stillbirth, and signature of official making statement.

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20. Acts, 1929, ch. 19063, secs. 1-2; Supp., C. G. L., secs. 3301(4)-3301(5).
21. For a list of such municipalities, see Appendix I, pp. 65-68.

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The information contained in the several birth registers varies as to fullness. The minimum data given are date of birth, sex, names of parents, and color. All registers except that for Key West, August 1, 1893-November 21, 1909, also show name of child, if child had been named at the time the birth was reported.

STATE RECORDS

Apr. 1865--.	Birth certificates. In 1,633 vols. arr. alph. by name of county and chron. thereunder by date of birth; indexed alph. by name of child. Records prior to Jan. 1, 1917 are not complete. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville. (Certified copy, 50¢.)
Jan. 1881- Jan. 1915	Birth certificates (copies). In 129 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Record incomplete. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

DUVAL COUNTY

Jacksonville

May 4, 1893- Oct. 7, 1896, May 1, 1901- Dec. 31, 1915.	Birth certificates. In 35 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Local Registrar, City Engineer's Building. (Certified copy free; if notarized, $1.00.)

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Pensacola

July 1, 1891- Dec. 30, 1910.	Birth register. In 2 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Secretary-Clerk, City Health Office. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

MARION COUNTY

Ocala

May 4, 1890- Sept. 24, 1911.	Birth register. In 3 vols. Arr. chron.; no index. City Clerk. (Certified copy not available.)

Birth Records

MONROE COUNTY

Key West

Aug. 1, 1893- Nov. 31, 1902, Feb. 1, 1903- July 30, 1917.	Birth register. In 2 vols. and 1 envelope. Arr. chron.; no index. Local Registrar, 614 Duval Street. (Certified copy, 50¢ plus postage.)

ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando

Dec. 18, 1890- Nov. 6, 1897, June 29, 1901- Dec. 25, 1916.	Birth certificates. In 3 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. City Clerk. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

OSCEOLA COUNTY

Dec. 3, 1890- June 25, 1893.	Birth register. In Vital Statistics, 1 vol. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Kissimmee. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

St. Augustine

Apr. 30, 1880- Aug. 6, 1885, Mar. 13, 1894- Feb. 26, 1914.	Birth register. In 2 vols. Arr. chron.; no index. City Clerk. (Certified copy not available.)
Nov. 1, 1907- Mar. 2, 1912.	Birth certificates (white births only). In 1 vol. Arr. chron.; no index. City Clerk. (Certified copy not available.)

DEATH RECORDS

The legal provisions affecting the registration of deaths in Florida, and the agencies for effecting such registrations, are, and have been, substantially the same as those for the registration of births. The efforts of the State Board of Health to secure central reporting of births by means of regulations of the Board between 1893 and 1915 also applied to the reporting of deaths.

Between 1899 and 1915 reports of deaths were required to be filed with the State Board of Health, on forms prescribed by the Board, by the attending physician, nurse, or head of the family. Such reports might be filed through the city or town health officer, where such an officer existed.(1) As in the case of births, no express provision was made for preserving such reports during this period, or for the issuance of certified copies thereof.

Since 1915 a death certificate, on the standard form approved by the United States Bureau of the Census, must be filed by the undertaker with the local registrar of vital statistics of the district in which the death occurred prior to the interment or other disposition of the body.(2) The local registrar, after making a copy of the certificate in a book to be preserved as a local record, must, on the tenth day of each month, transmit to the State Registrar all death certificates registered with him during the preceding month.(3) The State Registrar is directed to arrange, preserve, index, and issue certified copies of death certificates in the same manner as birth certificates.(4) Since 1929 delayed registration of deaths may be effected in the same way as delayed registration of births.(5)

This inventory does not list the copies of death certificates in the custody of local registrars, or of those filed with the State Board of Health by municipal health officers in 1913 and subsequent years,(6) as the originals of all such certificates

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1. Acts, 1899, ch. 4694, sec. 2; G. S., 1906, sec. 1145.
2. Acts, 1915, ch. 6892, secs. 7, 9; R. G. S., 1920, secs. 2075, 2078; C. G. L., secs. 3275, 3278.
3. Acts, 1915, ch. 6892, sec. 19; R. G. S., 1920, sec. 2089; C. G. L., sec. 3289.
4. Acts, 1915, ch. 6892, secs. 18, 21; R. G. S., 1920, secs. 2088, 2091; C. G. L., secs. 3288, 3291.
5. Acts, 1929, ch. 13864, secs. 1-3; Supp., C. G. L., secs. 3301(1)-3301(3).
6. For a list of such municipalities, see Appendix I, pp. 65-68.

Death Records

are filed with the State Bureau of Vital Statistics. An effort has been made to locate and list death records kept by local governmental units prior to effective operation of the central reporting system.

Death certificates on file with the State Bureau of Vital Statistics show the following information: Certificate number, name of county, city and institution or address when death occurred, period of stay in institution and community, if veteran, name of war in which decedent participated, social security number, usual residence of decedent, if foreign born, length of residence in United States, name, age, sex, color, birthplace, marital status, occupation and place of occupation of decedent, name and age of spouse, names and birthplaces of parents, signature and address of informant, date, place and manner of disposal of body, signature and address of funeral director, date certificate received by local registrar, and local registrar's signature. Death certificates contain medical certification of death, which shows: Month, day, year, hour, and minute of death, period of attendance, date last seen alive, immediate cause of death, duration of illness, contributing causes and durations, other conditions, major findings of operations, major findings of autopsy, if death due to external cause whether to accident, suicide, or homicide, date and place of occurrence, whether or not decedent working at time, means of injury, capacity, address, and signature of attendant, and date signed.

The death registers vary as to fullness of information given. The minimum data shown are date, name, color, birthplace, residence, cause of death, and name of medical attendant.

STATE RECORDS

1877--. Death certificates. In 967 vols. Arr. chron. by mo., alph. thereunder by name of county, and chron. thereunder by date of death; indexed alph. Records prior to Jan. 1, 1917 not complete. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

1908--. Death certificates, delayed. In 83 vols. Arr. chron. by date received; indexed alph. Records prior to Jan. 1, 1917 not complete. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

Death Records

DUVAL COUNTY

Jacksonville

Jan. 1, 1893- Dec. 31, 1915.	Death certificates. In 49 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Local Registrar, City Engineer's Building. (Certified copy free; if notarized, $1.00.)

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Pensacola

July 2, 1891- Dec. 31, 1910.	Death register. In 2 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Secretary-Clerk, City Health Office. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

ORANGE COUNTY

Orlando

Feb. 20, 1886- Aug. 15, 1886, Jan. 12, 1893- Dec. 29, 1906, Jan. 1, 1908- Jan. 3, 1913.	Death certificates. In 8 vols. Arr. chron.; no index, 1886, indexed alph., 1893-1913. City Clerk. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

OSCEOLA COUNTY

Dec. 13, 1890- July 5, 1893.	Death register. In Vital Statistics, 1 vol. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Kissimmee. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

MARION COUNTY

Ocala

Aug. 16, 1893- Dec. 30, 1912.	Death register. In 2 vols. Arr. chron.; no index. City Clerk. (Certified copy not available.)

Death Records

MONROE COUNTY

Key West

Oct. 13, 1880- July 31, 1917.	Death register. In 1 vol. Arr. chron.; no index. Local Registrar, 614 Duval Street. (Certified copy, 50¢ plus postage.)

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

St. Augustine

Aug. 2, 1888- Oct. 26, 1911; May 31, 1912- May 4, 1920.	Death register. In 2 vols. Arr. chron.; no index. City Clerk. (Certified copy not available.)

VOLUSIA COUNTY

Feb. 6, 1888- June 15, 1893.	Death register. In 1 vol. Arr. alph.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, DeLand. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

MARRIAGE RECORDS

Persons desiring to contract a marriage in Florida have always been required to secure a license therefor. Such licenses were issued by the clerks of the territorial circuit courts from 1822 to 1823.(1) When circuit courts were abolished in the latter year, the duties of their clerks devolved upon the clerks of the county courts,(2) who continued to issue marriage licenses until 1845.(3) When Florida became a State, the clerks of the circuit courts succeeded to the duties and records of the clerks of the territorial county courts, and issued marriage licenses until 1887.(4) The Constitution of 1885, effective January 1, 1887, placed upon the county judges the duty of issuing all licenses required by law to be issued in the several counties of the State,(5) and enabling legislation requiring the issuance of marriage licenses by the county judges has been in effect since 1887.(6) In 1889 the county judges were declared to be sole custodians of the marriage records of their counties and were directed to demand and receive from the clerks of the circuit courts all records, books, and papers relating to the issuance of marriage licenses or the solemnization of the rites of matrimony.(7)

Between 1822 and 1829 the clerk, before issuing a license, was required to take bond as a guaranty that there was no lawful cause to obstruct the marriage.(8)

A written application for a license was not required by law until 1919, although satisfactory evidence of the consent of parent or guardian has always been required when one of the parties of a proposed marriage is a minor.(9) The written application, which

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1. Terr. Acts, 1822, pp. 79-80.
2. Terr. Acts, 1823, p. 138.
3. Terr. Acts, 1828, p. 19; Terr. Acts, 1829, p. 12.
4. Acts, 1845, ch. 4, sec. 11.
5. Const., 1885, art. V, sec. 17.
6. Acts, 1887, ch. 3720, sec. 1; Acts, 1889, ch. 3890, sec. 1; R. S., 1892, sec. 2055; G. S., 1906, sec. 2574; Acts, 1919, ch. 7828, sec. 2; R. G. S., 1920, sec. 3933; C. G. L., secs. 5848, 5850.
7. Acts, 1889, ch. 3890, sec. 1; R. S., 1892, sec. 2060.
8. Terr. Acts, 1822, pp. 79-80; Terr. Acts, 1828, p. 19; Terr. Acts, 1829, p. 12.
9. Terr. Acts, 1822, p. 80; Terr. Acts, 1828, p. 19; Terr. Acts, 1829, p. 12; R. S., 1892, sec. 2055; G. S., 1906, sec. 2574; R. G. S., 1920, sec. 3933; C. G. L., sec. 5848.

must be signed and sworn to by both parties, must be supported by an affidavit of parent's consent if either party is a minor.(10) The final disposition of these applications is not prescribed by law, but they are customarily preserved in the office of the county judge.

It was not until 1889 that the issuing officer was required to keep "in good and substantially bound books, a correct and intelligible record of all marriage licenses issued."(11) This provision was expended in 1892 to require the record of licenses issued to show the names of the parties and the date of issuing the license.(12)

The person executing the marriage rite has always been required to return a certificate of marriage to the officer who issued the license. Since 1829 the certificate of marriage has been required by law to be endorsed on the license. From 1822 to 1829 the certificate, when returned, was required to be "entered on record" by the clerk in the marriage register of the county. From 1829 to 1892 the issuing officer was required "to record" the returned license and certificate, but in the latter year the phraseology of the statutes was changed to require simply a "correct record" of returned licenses and certificates.(13) In 1927, however, the county judges were expressly directed to "record" returned licenses.(14)

From 1829 to 1927 the issuing officer was directed to file the returned license and certificate as evidence of the marriage.(15) In the latter year the county judges were directed to transmit to the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, on or before the fifth day of each month, all original licenses with endorsements thereon, returned to and recorded by them during the preceding calendar month.(16) Original licenses and certificates returned to the

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10. Acts, 1919, ch. 7828, sec. 2; C. G. L., sec. 5850.
11. Acts, 1889, ch. 3890, sec. 1.
12. R. S., 1892, sec. 2058; G. S., 1906, sec. 2577; R. G. S., 1920, sec. 3936; C. G. L., sec. 5855.
13. Terr. Acts, 1822, p. 79; Terr. Acts, 1828, pp. 18-19; Terr. Acts, 1829, p. 12; Acts, 1887, ch. 3720, sec. 1; Acts, 1889, ch. 3890, sec. 1; R. S., 1892, sec. 2058; G. S., 1906, sec. 2577; R. G. S., 1920, sec. 3936; C. G. L., sec. 5855.
14. Acts, 1927, ch. 11869, sec. 2; C. G. L., sec. 5852.
15. Terr. Acts, 1829, p. 12; R. S., 1892, sec. 2058; G. S., 1906, sec. 2577; R. G. S., 1920, sec. 3936.
16. Acts, 1927, ch. 11869, sec. 2; C. G. L., sec. 3295.

county judges prior to passage of the 1927 act should be in the custody of those officers.

The State Bureau of Vital Statistics was directed to compile, keep, and preserve the marriage licenses and certificates as it did other vital statistics records. It was further authorized to issue certified copies of marriage licenses upon payment of a fee of 50 cents, such certified copies being admissible as evidence in any of the courts of Florida.(17)

The form of marriage records has never been prescribed by law. The 1927 act, which provided for central filing of returned licenses and certificates with the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, authorized and directed the Bureau to prescribe and furnish all forms used in the issuance of marriage licenses.(18) Pursuant to this provision, the Bureau has prescribed the following forms for the use of county judges in issuing and reporting marriage licenses: Form V. S. No. 48, application for marriage license, with space for parent's affidavit of consent if necessary; Form V. S. No. 49, combined marriage license and certificate of marriage; Form V. S. No. 50, application memorandum of marriage license issued, required to be transmitted monthly to the Bureau by the county judge; and, in bound volumes, Form V. S. No. 54, an exact copy of the face of the original license and certificate, on which the county judge records the license, when issued, and the certificate, when returned.

Marriage licenses show: County judge's serial number, names of parties, county, and county seat, date, and signature of county judge. Marriage certificates show: Names of parties, date and place of marriage, signatures of witnesses, signature and address of executor of rite, date license returned to county judge, volume and page reference to book where recorded, and signature of county judge. Reverse of original license and certificate shows such statistical information, entered by State Bureau of Vital Statistics, as: Ages, color, and birthplaces of parties, previous marriages, whether divorced, place of divorce, and memorandum number from which data taken. This information does not appear on the reverse of recorded licenses and certificates in the county judges' offices.

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17. Acts, 1927, ch. 11869, secs. 5-6; C. G. L., secs. 3298-3299.
18. Acts, 1927, ch. 11869, sec. 7; C. G. L., sec. 3300.

Marriage Records

STATE RECORDS

1927--. Marriage licenses and certificates. In 561 vols. Arr. chron. by mo., alph. thereunder by name of county, and chron. thereunder by date of marriage; indexed alph. by names of both parties. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

1927--. Marriage licenses and certificates, delayed. In 7 vols. Arr. chron. by date received; indexed alph. by names of both parties. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

ALACHUA COUNTY

Apr. 26, 1886-Dec. 28, 1926. Marriage licenses and certificates. In 4 vols. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Gainesville. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

Jan. 15, 1837-Mar. 3, 1849, Aug. 14, 1852-Aug. 28, 1855, Dec. 30, 1857--. Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 21 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Gainesville. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

BAKER COUNTY

Apr. 13, 1877-Aug. 29, 1927. Marriage licenses and certificates. In 18 f. b. No obvious arr.; no index. County Judge, Macclenny. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

Jan. 16, 1877--. Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 20 vols. Arr. chron.; no index, Jan. 16, 1877-Dec. 23, 1880, July 18, 1900, indexed alph., July 19, 1883-Jan. 20, 1887, Nov. 20, 1900--. County Judge, Macclenny. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

Marriage Records

BAY COUNTY

Sept. 6, 1913-June 20, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 6 f. d. Arr. num.; indexed alph. County Judge, Panama City. (Certified copy, $1.25.)
Sept. 6, 1913--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 6 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Panama City. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

BRADFORD COUNTY

1891-1897, 1913-27.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 28 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Starke. (Certified copy, 50¢.)
1875--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 11 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Starke. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

BREVARD COUNTY

Dec. 20, 1869-Aug. 16, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 13 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Titusville. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Sept. 1, 1884--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 6 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Titusville. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

BROWARD COUNTY

Oct. 25, 1915-June 5, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 14 f. d. No obvious arr., Oct. 25, 1915-Apr. 29, 1922, arr. chron.; Apr. 30, 1922-June 5, 1927; indexed alph., Apr. 30, 1922-June 5, 1927. County Judge, Fort Lauderdale. (Certified copy, 75¢.)

Marriage Records

BROWARD COUNTY (continued)

Oct. 25, 1915--. Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 25 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Fort Lauderdale. (Certified copy, 75¢.)

CALHOUN COUNTY

1903-1927. Marriage licenses and certificates. In 5 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Blountstown. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

Oct. 30, 1862--. Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 7 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Blountstown. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

June 11, 1921-May 31, 1927. Marriage licenses and certificates. In 3 f. d. Arr. alph.; no index. County Judge, Punta Gorda. (Certified copy free.)

June 11, 1921--. Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 5 vols. Arr. num., June 11, 1921-Dec. 19, 1927, arr. chron., Sept. 10, 1927--; indexed alph. County Judge, Punta Gorda. (Certified copy free.)

CITRUS COUNTY

Aug. 27, 1887-Jan. 5, 1925. Marriage licenses and certificates. In 5 f. d. and 25 bdls. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Inverness. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

Aug. 19, 1887--. Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 5 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Inverness. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

Marriage Records

CLAY COUNTY

1857-90, 1893-96, 1910, 1920-27.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 7 f. d. No obvious arr.; no index. County Judge, Green Cove Springs. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
1872--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 10 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Green Cove Springs. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
1910-26.	Marriage register. In 2 vols. No obvious arr.; no index. County Judge, Green Cove Springs. (Certified copy not available.)

COLLIER COUNTY

Oct. 1, 1923--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 1 vol. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Everglades City. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

COLUMBIA COUNTY

Nov. 12, 1885- June 15, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 18 f. b. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Lake City. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Jan. 8, 1875--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 15 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Lake City. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

DADE COUNTY

Sept. 30, 1896- Sept. 2, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 4 f. d. and 20 vols. Arr. num.; indexed alph. County Judge, Miami. (Certified copy, 75¢.)

Marriage Records

DADE COUNTY (continued)

July 4, 1840--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 16 vols. Arr. num.; indexed alph. County Judge, Miami. (Certified copy, 75¢.)

DE SOTO COUNTY

July 30, 1887-May 1, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 11 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Arcadia. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
July 30, 1887--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 7 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Arcadia. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

DIXIE COUNTY

June 5, 1921-Apr. 1, 1936.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 1 f. b. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Cross City. (Certified copy, $1.50.)
Aug. 10, 1921--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 7 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Cross City. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

DUVAL COUNTY

Nov. 1901-Aug. 15, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 95 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Jacksonville. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
1823--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 59 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Jacksonville. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
1889--.	Marriage register. In 11 vols. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Jacksonville. (Certified copy not available.)

Marriage Records

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

1821-1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 45 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Pensacola. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Dec. 24, 1822--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 42 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Pensacola. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

FLAGLER COUNTY

1917--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 7 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Bunnell. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

June 1887-May 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 7 f. d. No obvious arr.; no index. County Judge, Apalachicola. (Certified copy, $1.25.)
June 1887--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 5 vol . Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Apalachicola. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

GADSDEN COUNTY

Jan. 21, 1887-June 22, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 13 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Quincy. (Certified copy, 50¢.)
Nov. 20, 1849--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 13 vols. Arr. chron., 1849-99, arr. by race, chron. thereunder, 1899--; indexed alph. County Judge, Quincy. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

Marriage Records

GILCHRIST COUNTY

Aug. 31, 1927--. Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 2 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Trenton. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

GLADES COUNTY

May 6, 1922-July 25, 1927. Marriage licenses and certificates. In 1 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Moorehaven. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

June 18, 1921--. Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 3 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Moorehaven. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

GULF COUNTY

1925-27. Marriage licenses and certificates. In 1 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Wewahitchka. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

Aug. 7, 1925--. Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 5 vols. Arr. by race, chron. thereunder, Aug. 7, 1925-May, 1932, arr. chron.; June 1932--; incompletely indexed alph. County Judge, Wewahitchka. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

HAMILTON COUNTY

c. 1828-1927. Marriage licenses and certificates. In Miscellaneous Files, 96 f. d. No obvious arr.; no index. County Judge, Jasper. (Certified copy not available.)

June 10, 1840--. Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 12 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Jasper. (Certified copy not available.)

Marriage Records

HARDEE COUNTY

1921-27	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 4 f. d. Arr. num.; indexed alph. County Judge, Wauchula. (Certified copy, $1.50.)
May 1921--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 2 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Wauchula. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

HENDRY COUNTY

1923-27.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 1 f. d. No obvious arr.; no index. County Judge, LaBelle. (Certified copy free.)
Aug. 20, 1923--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 1 vol. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, LaBelle. (Certified copy free.)

HERNANDO COUNTY

May 30, 1887-Sept. 5, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 11 f. d. No obvious arr.; no index. County Judge, Brooksville. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Apr. 25, 1888--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 6 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Brooksville. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Oct. 2, 1877-May 30, 1887.	Marriage register. In 1 vol. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Brooksville. (Certified copy not available.)

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

July 13, 1921-Aug. 8, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 4 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Sebring. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

Marriage Records

HIGHLANDS COUNTY (continued)

Aug. 2, 1921--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 5 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Sebring. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Aug. 10, 1872-June 30, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 54 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Tampa. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Nov. 30, 1849--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 95 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Tampa. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
June 1, 1911-Sept. 5, 1927.	Marriage register. In 10 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Tampa. (Certified copy not available.)

HOLMES COUNTY

c. 1902-1927.	Marriage licenses and application. In 2 f. d. No obvious arr.; no index. County Judge, Bonifay. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Jan. 1, 1909--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 7 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Bonifay. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

1925-27.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 5 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Vero Beach. (Certified copy, 50¢.)
1925--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 5 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Vero Beach. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

Marriage Records

JACKSON COUNTY

Dec. 8, 1848- Aug. 31, 1925.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 15 f. d. No obvious arr.; no index. County Judge, Marianna. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Dec. 8, 1848--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 25 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Marianna. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Jan. 7, 1827- 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 2 f. d. and 93 bdls. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Monticello. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Nov. 29, 1827- Feb. 26, 1881, Feb. 6, 1885- Sept. 22, 1891, Mar. 27, 1897--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 18 vols. Arr. chron.; no index, Nov. 29, 1827-Dec. 29, 1854, indexed alph., Dec. 28, 1854--. County Judge, Monticello. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

LAFAYETTE COUNTY

Jan. 3, 1887- Dec. 24, 1928.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 8 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Mayo. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
July 20, 1857--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 9 vols. Arr. chron.; no index, July 20, 1857-Mar. 8, 1883, indexed alph., Dec. 28, 1874--. County Judge, Mayo. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

LAKE COUNTY

Aug. 17, 1887- June 13, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 6 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Tavares. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Aug. 19, 1887--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 8 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Tavares. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

Marriage Records

LAKE COUNTY (continued)

Mar. 11, 1912--.	Marriage register. In 2 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Tavares. (Certified copy not available.)

LEE COUNTY

Feb. 23, 1889-May 28, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 6 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Fort Myers. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Aug. 18, 1887--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 5 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Fort Myers. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

LEON COUNTY

Apr. 13, 1826-June 4, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 23 f. d. Arr. by race, chron. thereunder; no index. County Judge, Tallahassee. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Sept. 3, 1890--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 16 vols. Arr. by race, chron. thereunder, Sept. 3, 1890--, arr. chron., Sept. 3, 1927-Dec. 3, 1929; indexed alph. County Judge, Tallahassee. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
May 6, 1825-, Sept. 6, 1890.	Marriage register. In 5 vols. Arr. chron., May 6, 1825-June 4, 1887, 2 vols., arr. by race, chron. thereunder, Jan. 7, 1858-Sept. 6, 1890, 3 vols., indexed alph. County Judge, Tallahassee. (Certified copy not available.)

LEVY COUNTY

Apr. 14, 1854-Apr. 29, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 42 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Bronson. (Certified copy not available.)

Marriage Records

LEVY COUNTY (continued)

Feb. 15, 1864- Apr. 9, 1884; July 16, 1887--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 7 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Bronson. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

LIBERTY COUNTY

Oct. 17, 1889- Nov. 1, 1926.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 3 f. d. No obvious arr.; no index. County Judge, Bristol. (Certified copy, $1.25.)
May 17, 1889- June 30, 1938; Oct. 1, 1939--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 3 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Bristol. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

MADISON COUNTY

Jan. 20, 1876- May 18, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 2 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Madison. (Certified copy, $1.50.)
Jan. 25, 1831--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 17 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Madison. (Certified copy, $1.50.)
Jan. 8, 1914- May 25, 1936.	Marriage register. In 1 vol. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Madison. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

MANATEE COUNTY

Mar. 7, 1856- June 30, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 17 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Bradenton. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Mar. 15, 1856--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 18 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Bradenton. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

Marriage Records

MANATEE COUNTY (continued)

May 11, 1912--.	Marriage register. In 3 vols. Arr. alph.; no index. County Judge, Bradenton. (Certified copy not available.)

MARION COUNTY

Oct. 1888-June 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 18 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Ocala. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Dec. 5, 1846--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 16 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Ocala. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

MARTIN COUNTY

1925-27.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 4 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Stuart. (Certified copy, 50¢.)
1925--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 5 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Stuart. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

MONROE COUNTY

Jan. 1829-June 17, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 102 jkts. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Key West. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Sept. 1831-Mar. 27, 1872.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in Deed Record, 8 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Key West. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

Marriage Records

MONROE COUNTY (continued)

Nov. 24, 1876-Apr. 27, 1926; Dec. 31, 1927--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 13 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Key West. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

NASSAU COUNTY

1870-72, 1875-1892, 1895-1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 10 f. d. and 22 bdls. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Fernandina. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Aug. 14, 1867--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 12 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Fernandina. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

OKALOOSA COUNTY

1915-27.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 3 f. d. Arr. num.; no index. County Judge, Crestview. (Certified copy, 75¢.)
Oct. 12, 1915--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 5 vols. Arr. num.; indexed alph. County Judge, Crestview. (Certified copy, 75¢.)

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

Sept. 20, 1917-Dec. 17, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 4 f. d. No obvious arr.; no index. County Judge, Okeechobee. (Certified copy, 50¢.)
Sept. 20, 1917--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 2 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Okeechobee. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

Marriage Records

ORANGE COUNTY

Apr. 14, 1869- Aug. 13, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 24 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Orlando. (Certified copy, 80¢ and up.)
Apr. 14, 1869--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 14 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Orlando. (Certified copy, 80¢ and up.)
June 2, 1887- Jan. 2, 1908.	Marriage register. In 2 vols. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Orlando. (Certified copy not available.)

OSCEOLA COUNTY

Oct. 30, 1887- July 29, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 10 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Kissimmee. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Aug. 10, 1887--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 8 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Kissimmee. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Dec. 25, 1890- July 5, 1893	Marriage register. In Vital Statistics, 1 vol. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Kissimmee. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

PALM BEACH COUNTY

July 20, 1909- Aug. 31, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 25 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, West Palm Beach. (Certified copy, 50¢.)
July 20, 1909--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 13 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, West Palm Beach. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

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PASCO COUNTY

Oct. 27, 1887- Aug. 12, 1904, Jan. 29, 1909- Dec. 30, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 9 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Dade City. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Aug. 9, 1887--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 6 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Dade City. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Dec. 5, 1889- May 24, 1918.	Marriage register. In 3 vols. Arr. alph.; no index. County Judge, Dade City. (Certified copy not available.)

PINELLAS COUNTY

Sept. 14, 1913- June 1, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 19 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Clearwater. (Certified copy, 50¢.)
Dec. 23, 1911--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 20 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Clearwater. (Certified copy, 50¢.)
Dec. 23, 1911--.	Marriage register. In 8 vols. Arr. alph.; no index. County Judge, Clearwater. (Certified copy not available.)

POLK COUNTY

Feb. 15, 1907- Aug. 31, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 16 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Bartow. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Jan. 14, 1862--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 20 vols. Arr. chron.; no index, 1862-86, indexed alph. 1887--. County Judge, Bartow. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

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POLK COUNTY (continued)

Feb. 14, 1891- Jan. 4, 1905, Jan. 7, 1913- Jan. 1, 1919.	Marriage register. In 2 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Bartow. (Certified copy not available.)

PUTNAM COUNTY

Oct. 20, 1849- May 1, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 24 f. d. Arr. alph.; no index. County Judge, Palatka. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Oct. 20, 1849--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 17 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Palatka. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

1823-33.	Marriage bonds and certificates. In 4 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court. St. Augustine. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Sept. 24, 1906- Jan. 30, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 9 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, St. Augustine. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
May 5, 1840- June 21, 1887.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 3 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, St. Augustine. (Certified copy, 75¢ and up.)
July 29, 1887--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 16 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, St. Augustine. (Certified copy, 75¢ and up.)

SANTA ROSA COUNTY

1893-1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 3 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Milton. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

Marriage Records

SANTA ROSA COUNTY (continued)

Aug. 14, 1869- July 5, 1874, Oct. 20, 1877- Dec. 31, 1926, Sept. 2, 1927--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 19 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Milton. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

1905--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Originals, 1905-1927, and recorded copies, 1927--, in 6 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Fort Pierce. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

SARASOTA COUNTY

Jan. 2, 1925- Mar. 8, 1926.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 4 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Sarasota. (Certified copy, 50¢ to $1.00.)
July 22, 1921--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 3 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Sarasota. (Certified copy, 50¢ to $1.00.)
July 22, 1921- Sept. 6, 1924.	Marriage register. In 1 vol. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Sarasota. (Certified copy not available.)

SEMINOLE COUNTY

1913-27.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 52 bdls. No obvious arr.; no index. County Judge, Sanford. (Certified copy, $1.50.)
Aug. 11, 1913--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 6 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Sanford. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

Marriage Records

SUMTER COUNTY

1908-1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 2 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Bushnell. (Certified copy, $1.25.)
Dec. 23, 1853--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 8 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Bushnell. (Certified copy, $1.25.)
June 2, 1909-May 20, 1920.	Marriage register. In 1 vol. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Bushnell. (Certified copy not available.)

SUWANNEE COUNTY

1866-1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 21 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Live Oak. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Dec. 17, 1859--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 10 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Live Oak. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

TAYLOR COUNTY

Jan. 1, 1857-Dec. 29, 1932.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 9 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Perry. (Certified copy free.)
June 1, 1857--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 18 vols. Arr. chron.; no index, June 1, 1857-Feb. 13, 1875, indexed alph., Nov. 30, 1875--. County Judge, Perry. (Certified copy free.)

UNION COUNTY

Oct. 1921-Aug. 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 2 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Lake Butler. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

Marriage Records

UNION COUNTY (continued)

Oct. 1921--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 4 vols. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Lake Butler. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

VOLUSIA COUNTY

July 8, 1858-Apr. 1, 1928.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 32 f. d. Arr. alph.; no index. County Judge, Deland. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
Feb. 2, 1856--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 15 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Deland. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

WAKULLA COUNTY

May 27, 1892-May 10, 1927.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 2 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Crawfordville. (Certified copy, $1.00.)
May 27, 1892--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 6 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Crawfordville. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

WALTON COUNTY

1885-1910; 1914-27.	Marriage licenses and certificates. In 5 f. d. Arr. alph.; no index. County Judge, DeFuniak Springs. (Certified copy, 75¢.)
May 5, 1885--.	Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 17 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, DeFuniak Springs. (Certified copy, 75¢.)

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WASHINGTON COUNTY

1895-1927. Marriage licenses and certificates. In 8 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. County Judge, Chipley. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

1877--. Marriage licenses and certificates. Recorded in 13 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. County Judge, Chipley. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

DIVORCE RECORDS

The first Florida law permitting absolute divorces was passed in 1828, jurisdiction of divorce cases being vested exclusively in the superior courts.(1) During the Territorial period the Legislative Council frequently granted divorces by special act, but the State Supreme Court later held that the Legislative Council had had no right to do so.(2) The granting of divorces by legislative act has been constitutionally prohibited since 1845.(3)

A suit for divorce has always been by a bill in equity.(4) The circuit courts, consequently, exercised exclusive jurisdiction in divorce actions after 1845, since they have been granted exclusive original equity jurisdiction by the several Constitutions of the State.(5) In 1910, however, a constitutional amendment gave the court of record of Escambia county original jurisdiction concurrent with that of the circuit court in all matters except capital cases and the power to summon and empanel a grand jury.(6) The court of record of Escambia county, therefore, has jurisdiction of divorce actions.

The clerks of the superior courts were, and the clerks of the circuit courts are, directed to keep all papers filed in their offices with the utmost care and security, arranged in appropriate files. All pleadings in each cause must be attached together with tape or ribbon and kept distinct from other papers in the cause. Papers of different kinds must not be mixed up and folded loosely together, but each description of papers must be kept on file with other papers of the same class.(7)

Final decrees in chancery have always been required to be signed by the judges. Until 1917 chancery orders and decrees required to be signed by the judge were directed by law to be entered in the minutes of the court. Since 1917 all such orders and decrees

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1. Terr. Acts, 1828, pp. 12-13; Terr. Acts, 1835, pp. 310-311.
2. Ponder v. Graham, 4 Fla. 23 (1851).
3. Const., 1838, art. XVI, sec. 5; Const., 1861, art. XV, sec. 4; Const., 1865, art. 16, sec. 5; Const., 1868, art. IV, sec. 17; Const., 1885, art. III, sec. 20.
4. Terr. Acts, 1828, p. 12; Terr. Acts, 1835, p. 310; R. S., 1892, sec. 1477; G. S., 1906, sec. 1925; R. G. S., 1920, sec. 3188; C. G. L., sec. 4980.
5. Const., 1838, art. V, sec. 8; Const., 1861, art. V, sec. 7; Const., 1865, art. 5, sec. 7; Const., 1868, art. VI, sec. 8; Const., 1885, art. V, sec. 11.
6. Const., 1885, art. V, sec. 39, added in 1910.
7. Terr. Acts, 1828, p. 41; R. S., 1892, sec. 1389; G. S., 1906, sec. 1830; R. G. S., 1920, sec. 3075; C. G. L., sec. 4856.

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have been required to be entered in the chancery order book.(8) These requirements apparently were not uniformly complied with prior to 1917, however, for acts passed in 1905 and 1909 declared any such orders or decrees theretofore entered in the chancery order book, instead of the minutes to be of the same force and effect, from the date of such entry in the chancery order book, as though they had been entered in the minutes.(9) Chancery decrees pro confesso have always been required to be entered in the chancery order book, designated by statute the rule book until 1847.(10)

Central reporting of divorces was instituted in 1927. On or before the fifth day of each month, the several clerks of the circuit courts are required to transmit to the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, on forms prescribed and furnished by the Bureau, a record of each and every decree of divorce granted by the courts during the preceding calendar month. The records of divorces so reported are required to be compiled, kept, and preserved by the Bureau as are other vital statistics records.(11) No provision is made for the issuance of certified copies of these reports by the Bureau.

Reports of divorces granted show: Number and date of report, volume and page where decree recorded, name of county where decree granted, date of final decree, date recorded, name and address of husband, maiden name and address of wife, date and place of marriage, grounds for divorce, whether alimony asked and granted, number of minor children affected by decree, whether support money asked and granted, remarks, and signature and address of clerk of the circuit court.

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8. Terr. Acts, 1828, p. 89; Acts, 1852-53, ch. 521, sec. 8; R. S., 1892, secs. 1390, 1448; G. S., 1906, secs. 1831, 1900; Acts, 1917, ch. 7335, sec. 1; R. G. S., 1920, secs. 3076, 3160; Acts, 1921, ch. 8574, sec. 1; C. G. L., secs. 4857, 4948.
9. Acts, 1905, ch. 5394, sec. 1; Acts, 1909, ch. 5914, sec. 1; R. G. S., 1920, sec. 3161; C. G. L., sec. 4950.
10. Terr. Acts, 1828, p. 84; Acts, 1846-47, ch. 77, sec. 1; R. S., 1892, secs. 1390, 1444; G. S., 1906, secs. 1831, 1896; Acts, 1917, ch. 7335, sec. 1; R. G. S., 1920, secs. 3076, 3152; C. G. L., secs. 4857, 4939.
11. Acts, 1927, ch. 11869, secs. 4-5; C. G. L., secs. 3297-3298.

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STATE RECORDS

1927--. Reports of divorces granted. In 149 vols. Arr. chron. by mo., alph. thereunder by name of county, and chron. thereunder by date of report; indexed alph. by name of male party. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville. (Certified copy not available.)

1927--. Reports of divorces granted, delayed. In 10 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by name of male party. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville. (Certified copy not available.)

ALACHUA COUNTY

Apr. 5, 1877--. Divorce case papers. In Civil Case Files, 810 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gainesville. (Certified copy, $1.00 per page or fractional part of page.)

June 17, 1842--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, June 17, 1842-Oct. 21, 1893, Aug. 24, 1917--; in Judgment Record, July 2, 1892-Aug. 21, 1917, 40 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gainesville. (Certified copy, $1.00 per page or fractional part of page.)

BAKER COUNTY

July 1877--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 130 f. d. Arr. alph.; no index, July 1877-June 1906, indexed alph.; Sept. 15, 1906--. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Macclenny. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

Sept. 4, 1877--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 1877--; in Circuit Court Minutes, Oct. 25, 1910-July 17, 1916, 5 vols. Arr. chron.; no index to Chancery Order Book, Sept. 4, 1877-Aug. 3, 1905, indexed alph., July 28, 1905--; no index to Circuit Court Minutes, 1910-16. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Macclenny. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

Divorce Records

BAY COUNTY

Feb. 10, 1914--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court Case Files, 182 f. d. and 18 f. b. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Panama City. (Certified copy, 25¢ first 100 words, 12½¢ each additional 100 words, plus 50¢ for certification; minimum cost, $1.00.)

Feb. 7, 1914--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Circuit Court Minutes, Feb. 7, 1914-Sept. 4, 1917; in Chancery Order Book, Aug. 4, 1917--, 9 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Panama City. (Certified copy, 25¢ first 100 words, 12½¢ each additional 100 words, plus 50¢ for certification; minimum cost. $1.00.)

BRADFORD COUNTY

1876--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court Case Files, 92 f. d. Arr chron.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Starke. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

1876--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Circuit Court Minutes, 8 vols. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Starke. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

BREVARD COUNTY

Nov. 28, 1891--. Divorce case papers. In Civil Case Files, 599 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Titusville. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

Dec. 14, 1880--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, Dec. 14, 1880--; in Circuit Court Minutes, Jan. 12, 1904-Mar. 1, 1918, 67 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Titusville. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

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BROWARD COUNTY

Dec. 15, 1915--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 534 f. d. Arr. num.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Fort Lauderdale. (Certified copy, 50¢ to $1.00.)

Nov. 15, 1915--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, Nov. 15, 1915--; in Circuit Court Minutes, Dec. 15, 1915-July 3, 1917, 104 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Fort Lauderdale. (Certified copy, 50¢ to $1.00.)

CALHOUN COUNTY

1908--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court Case Papers, 161 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Blountstown. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

1863--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Circuit Court Minutes, 1863-1917; in Chancery Order Book, 1917--, 8 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Blountstown. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Apr. 1, 1921--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Papers, 98 f. d. Arr. num.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Punta Gorda. (Certified copy, 12½¢ per 100 words, plus 50¢ for certification.)

May 23, 1921--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 7 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Punta Gorda. (Certified copy, 12½¢ per 100 words, plus 50¢ for certification.)

Divorce Records

CITRUS COUNTY

Feb. 5, 1888--. Divorce case papers. In Civil Case Papers, 24 f. d. Arr. alph.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Inverness. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

May 6, 1889-July 5, 1897, Mar. 3, 1890--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Circuit Court Minutes, May 6, 1889-July 5, 1897; in Chancery Order Book, Mar. 3, 1890--, 19 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Inverness. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

CLAY COUNTY

1859--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court Case Papers, 109 f. d. and 32 bdls. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Green Cove Springs. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

1859--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Circuit Court Minutes, 1859-1917; in Chancery Order Book, 1868--, 19 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph., 1868--. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Green Cove Springs. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

COLLIER COUNTY

Oct. 22, 1923--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Closed Case Papers, 11 f. d. Arr. num.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Everglades City. (Certified copy, 25¢ first 100 words, 12½¢ each additional 100 words.)

Nov. 27, 1923--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 1 vol. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Everglades City. (Certified copy, 25¢ first 100 words, 12½¢ each additional 100 words.)

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COLUMBIA COUNTY

Jan. 1, 1875--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 144 f. d. Arr. num.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Lake City. (Certified copy, 25¢ first 100 words, 12½¢ each additional 100 words.)

May 9, 1878--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Circuit Court Minutes, 1878-1921; in Chancery Order Book, Sept. 19, 1918--, 7 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Lake City. (Certified copy, 25¢ first 100 words, 12½¢ each additional 100 words.)

DADE COUNTY

Oct. 10, 1892--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 1,023 f. d. Arr. num.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Miami. (Certified copy, 75¢.)

May 19, 1899--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 555 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Miami. (Certified copy, 75¢.)

DE SOTO COUNTY

Oct. 1, 1887--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court Case Files, 396 f. d. Arr. num.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Arcadia. (Certified copy, $1.50 to $2.00.)

1887--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 1887-1905, 1915--; in Circuit Court Minutes, 1905-15, 17 vols. Arr. chron., indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Arcadia. (Certified copy, $1.50 to $2.00.)

DIXIE COUNTY

Aug. 9, 1921--. Divorce case papers. In Civil Case Files, 12 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Cross City. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

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DIXIE COUNTY (continued)

Aug. 1, 1921--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 2 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Cross City. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

DUVAL COUNTY

Sept. 30, 1901--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court Case Files, 3,010 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Jacksonville. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

June 3, 1901--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Circuit Court Minutes, 1901-July 25, 1917; in Chancery Order Book, Aug. 7, 1917--, 320 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Jacksonville. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

May 31, 1831--. Divorce case papers. In Superior Court Case Files, 1822-45; in Circuit Court Case Files, 1845--, 1,020 f. d. Arr. num.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pensacola. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

1911--. Divorce case papers. In Court of Record Civil Case Files, 340 f. d. Arr. num.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Court of Record, Pensacola. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

Nov. 12, 1831--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Superior Court Minutes, 1822-45; in Circuit Court Minutes, 1845-74; in Circuit Court Chancery Order Book, 1874--, 34 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pensacola. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

1911--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Court of Record, Chancery Order Book, 17 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Court of Record, Pensacola. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

Divorce Records

FLAGLER COUNTY

1917--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 61 f. d. Arr. num.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Bunnell. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

1917--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 6 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Bunnell. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Oct. 1875--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 25 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Apalachicola. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

Oct. 1875--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 6 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Apalachicola. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

GADSDEN COUNTY

June 7, 1860--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court Case Files, 121 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Quincy. (Certified copy, 50¢ to $1.00.)

June 7, 1860--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 7 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Quincy. (Certified copy, 50¢ to $1.00.)

GILCHRIST COUNTY

Apr. 30, 1927--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 14 f. d. Arr. num.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Trenton. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

Apr. 30, 1927--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 2 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Trenton. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

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GLADES COUNTY

Jan. 11, 1921--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 34 f. d. Arr. num.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Moore Haven. (Certified copy, $1.50 to $2.00.)

Apr. 30, 1921--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 4 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Moore Haven. (Certified copy, $1.50 to $2.00.)

GULF COUNTY

1925--. Divorce case papers. In Civil Case Files, 26 f. d. Arr. num.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Wewahitchka. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

1925--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 1 vol. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Wewahitchka. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

HAMILTON COUNTY

Mar. 1881--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 93 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Jasper. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

Oct. 22, 1846--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Circuit Court Minutes, 1846-Nov. 11, 1916; in Chancery Order Book, 1859--, 17 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Jasper. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

HARDEE COUNTY

June 1921--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 190 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Wauchula. (Certified copy, costs vary.)

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HARDEE COUNTY (continued)

Aug. 1921--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 14 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Wauchula. (Certified copy, costs vary.)

HENDRY COUNTY

Sept. 20, 1923--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court Case Files, 43 f. d. Arr. num.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, LaBelle. (Certified copy, 25¢ first 100 words, 12½¢ each additional 100 words.)

Nov. 23, 1923--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 2 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, LaBelle. (Certified copy, 25¢ first 100 words, 12½¢ each additional 100 words.)

HERNANDO COUNTY

Dec. 27, 1877--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court Case Files, 131 f. d. Arr. alph.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Brooksville. (Certified copy, costs vary.)

Oct. 6, 1879--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 1879--; in Circuit Court Minutes, June 3, 1880-Apr. 24, 1916, 13 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Brooksville. (Certified copy, costs vary.)

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

May 1921--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 37 f. d. Arr. num.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sebring. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

Sept. 11, 1921--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 21 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sebring. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

Divorce Records

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

May 18, 1882--.	Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 2,772 f. d. Arr. num.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Tampa. (Certified copy, 75¢ up according to length.)
Oct. 29, 1847-Sept. 8, 1866, Aug. 3, 1875--.	Divorce decrees. Recorded in Minutes of Circuit Court, 1847-66; in Chancery Order Book, 1875--, 290 vols. Arr. chron.; no index 1847-66, indexed alph. 1875--. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Tampa. (Certified copy, 75¢ up, according to length.)

HOLMES COUNTY

1902--.	Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court Case Files, 100 f. d. Arr. num.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Bonifay. (Certified copy, $1.25.)
1902--.	Divorce decrees. In Minutes of Circuit Court, 1902-1920; in Chancery Order Books, 1902--, 10 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Bonifay. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Jan. 22, 1925--.	Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 194 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Vero Beach. (Certified copy, $1.50.)
Sept. 25, 1925--.	Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 10 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Vero Beach. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

JACKSON COUNTY

1869--.	Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 730 f. b. Arr. num.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Marianna. (Certified copy, 25¢ first 500 words, 12½¢ each additional 100 words.)

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JACKSON COUNTY (continued)

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JEFFERSON COUNTY

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Nov. 13, 1856--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Circuit Court Minutes, 1856-1921; in Chancery Order Book, 1866--. Arr. chron.; no index 1858-81, indexed alph., 1882--. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Monticello. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

LAFAYETTE COUNTY

1899--. Divorce case papers. In 14 f. d. Arr. alph.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Mayo. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

1893--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 5 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Mayo. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

LAKE COUNTY

Apr. 28, 1893--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 310 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Tavares. (Certified copy, costs vary.)

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LAKE COUNTY (Continued)

Aug. 2, 1893--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, Aug. 2, 1881-Apr. 27, 1893, Nov. 6, 1917--; in Circuit Court Minutes, Apr. 28, 1893-Nov. 5, 1917. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Tavares. (Certified copy, costs vary.)

LEE COUNTY

Oct. 3, 1887--. Divorce case papers. In Civil Case Files, 335 f. d. Arr. num.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Fort Myers. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

Aug. 4, 1887--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Circuit Court Minutes, Aug. 4, 1887-Feb. 13, 1920; in Chancery Order Book, Nov. 21, 1888--, 23 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Fort Myers. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

LEON COUNTY

Apr. 17, 1833--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 328 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Tallahassee. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

Apr. 17, 1833--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Circuit Court Minutes, Apr. 17, 1833-Nov. 8, 1849; in Chancery Order Book, 1851--, 36 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Tallahassee. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

LEVY COUNTY

Oct. 12, 1853--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 178 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Bronson. (Certified copy, $1.00 to $1.50.)

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LEVY COUNTY (continued)

Oct. 11, 1852--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Minutes of Circuit Court, Oct. 12, 1852-Sept. 21, 1917; in Chancery Order Book, Sept. 29, 1866--, 16 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Bronson. (Certified copy, $1.00 to $1.50.)

LIBERTY COUNTY

Apr. 1899--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 28 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Bristol. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

Apr. 1899--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 4 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Bristol. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

MADISON COUNTY

1868--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Cases Disposed of Files, 78 f. d. Arr. alph.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Madison. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

Nov. 13, 1838--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 7 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Madison. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

MANATEE COUNTY

1866--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 612 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Bradenton. (Certified copy, $1.00 and up.)

Nov. 5, 1866--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Circuit Court Minutes, Nov. 5, 1886-Mar. 9, 1886, Dec. 30, 1904-Aug. 13, 1917; in Chancery Decrees, June 9, 1887-Aug. 31, 1893, Mar. 26, 1900-May 15, 1905; in Chancery Order Book,

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MANATEE COUNTY (continued)

Jan. 28, 1893-Dec. 11, 1899, Aug. 11, 1917--, 53 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Bradenton. (Certified copy, $1.00 and up.)

MARION COUNTY

June 29, 1850--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 203 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Ocala. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

Apr. 30, 1851--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Circuit Court Minutes, Apr. 30, 1851-1917; in Chancery Order Book, 1851--, 50 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Ocala. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

MARTIN COUNTY

Aug. 25, 1925--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 132 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Stuart. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

Aug. 25, 1925--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 8 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Stuart. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

MONROE COUNTY

Feb. 9, 1861--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 111 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Key West. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

Dec. 15, 1891--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 13 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Key West. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

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NASSAU COUNTY

1833--. Divorce case papers. In Civil Case Files, 109 bdls. and 149 f. d. Arr. alph.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Fernandina. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

July 15, 1867--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 10 vols. Arr. chron.; no index, July 15, 1867-May 2, 1918, May 21, 1925--, indexed alph., May 13, 1918-May 4, 1925. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Fernandina. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

OKALOOSA COUNTY

1915--. Divorce case papers. In Civil Case Files, 168 f. d. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Crestview. (Certified copy, 75¢.)

1915--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 8 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Crestview. (Certified copy, 75¢.)

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

Feb. 11, 1918--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 65 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Okeechobee. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

Feb. 11, 1918--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, 8 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Okeechobee. (Certified copy, 50¢.)

ORANGE COUNTY

June 6, 1877--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 1,138 f. d. Arr. num.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Orlando. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

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ORANGE COUNTY (continued)

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OSCEOLA COUNTY

Oct. 10, 1889--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court Case Files, 228 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Kissimmee. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

Mar. 20, 1888--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, Mar. 20, 1888--; in Circuit Court Minutes, July 14, 1915-July 10, 1917, 17 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Kissimmee. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Oct. 26, 1909--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 1,945 f. d. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, West Palm Beach. (Certified copy, 50¢ to $1.50.)

Dec. 18, 1916--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Circuit Court Minutes, Dec. 18, 1916--; in Chancery Order Book, Oct. 16, 1918--. Arr. chron., indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, West Palm Beach. (Certified copy, 50¢ to $1.50.)

PASCO COUNTY

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PASCO COUNTY (continued)

Nov. 7, 1887--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Order Book, Nov. 7, 1887--; in Circuit Court Minutes, Feb. 16, 1906-Apr. 22, 1910, 18 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Dade City. (Certified copy, 25¢ first 100 words, 12½¢ each additional 100 words.)

PINELLAS COUNTY

1912--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 778 f. d. Arr. num.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clearwater. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

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POLK COUNTY

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PUTNAM COUNTY

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ST. JOHNS COUNTY

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ST. LUCIE COUNTY

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SANTA ROSA COUNTY

1869--. Divorce case papers. In Civil Case Files, 301 f. b. Arr. alph., 1880-92, arr. num., 1869--; no index, 1880-92, indexed alph., 1869--. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Milton. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

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SANTA ROSA COUNTY (continued)

Sept. 1, 1869--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Circuit Court Minutes, Sept. 1, 1869-May 21, 1918; in Chancery Order Book, May 21, 1918--, 17 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Milton. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

SARASOTA COUNTY

Sept. 5, 1921--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 348 f. d. Arr. num.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sarasota. (Certified copy, $1.00.)

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SEMINOLE COUNTY

Apr. 23, 1914--. Divorce case papers. In Chancery Case Files, 299 f. d. Arr. num.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sanford. (Certified copy, $1.50.)

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SUMTER COUNTY

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Mar. 8, 1877--. Divorce decrees. Recorded in Chancery Orders, Mar. 8, 1877--; in Circuit Court Minutes, Apr. 16, 1892-July 11, 1917, 18 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Bushnell. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

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SUWANNEE COUNTY

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TAYLOR COUNTY

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UNION COUNTY

July 14, 1922--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court Case Files, 29 f. d. Arr. alph.; no index. Clerk of the Circuit Court, Lake Butler. (Certified copy, $1.25.)

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VOLUSIA COUNTY

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VOLUSIA COUNTY (continued)

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WAKULLA COUNTY

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WALTON COUNTY

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WASHINGTON COUNTY

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

alph. - alphabetically
arr. - arranged
art. - article
bdls. - bundles
c. - circa (about)
C. G. L. - Compiled General Laws of Florida, 1927
ch. - chapter
chron. - chronologically
Const. - Constitution
f. b. - file box(es)
f. d. - file drawer(s)
Fla. - Florida Reports
G. S. - General Statutes of Florida, 1906
ibid. - in the same place
id. - the same
jkts. - jackets
mo. - month
num. - numerically
p(p). - page(s)
R. G. S. - Revised General Statutes of Florida, 1920
R. S. - Revised Statutes of Florida, 1892
sec(s). - section(s)
Supp., C. G. L. - Permanent Cumulation Supplement to Compiled General Laws of Florida
Terr. - Territorial
vol(s). - volume(s)

APPENDIX I

Cities Reporting Births and Deaths to State Board of Health under Local Ordinance Prior to Effective Operation of the Vital Statistics Act of 1915, with Month Reporting Started*

Apalachicola (Franklin county), January 1914
Apopka (Orange county), July 1915
Auburndale (Polk county), January 1915
Avon Park (Highlands county), January 1915

Bartow (Polk county), January 1914
Belleview (Marion county), June 1915
Bradenton (Manatee county), April 1915
Branford (Suwannee county), June 1915
Bushnell (Sumter county), July 1915

Callahan (Nassau county), November 1914
Carrabelle (Franklin county), June 1915
Caryville (Washington county), August 1915
Center Hill (Sumter county), July 1915
Chipley (Washington county), June 1915
Citra (Marion county), January 1915
Clearwater (Pinellas county), July 1915
Coleman (Sumter county), July 1915
Cottondale (Jackson county), July 1915
Crescent City (Putnam county), December 1914
Cypress (Jackson county)**

Dade City (Pasco county)***
Dania (Broward county), July 1915
Daytona (Volusia county), January 1914
Daytona Beach (Volusia county), October 1915
DeFuniak Springs (Walton county), January 1914
DeLand (Volusia county), September 1913
Delray (Palm Beach county), July 1915
Dunedin (Pinellas county), January 1915

East Millville (Bay county), June 1915
Eatonville (Orange county), August 1915
Eau Gallie (Brevard county), September 1915
Estero (Lee county), July 1915

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*Compiled from Florida Health Notes, VIII (Sept. 1913), 159; ibid., IX (June 1914), 104; ibid., X (Jan., Feb. 1915), 26, 58; Florida State Board of Health, Annual Report, 1915, pp. 57-58; Florida Health Notes, XI (Jan. 1916), 433.

**Passed ordinance, but not known if reports were made thereunder.

***Reports made for October 1914-March 1915, only.

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Eustis (Lake county), January 1915

Fargo (Polk county), June 1915
Fellsmere (Indian River county), June 1915
Fernandina (Nassau county), January 1914
Florida City (Dade county), July 1915
Ft. Lauderdale (Broward county), October 1914
Ft. Meade (Polk county), November 1914
Ft. Myers (Lee county), July 1914
Ft. Pierce (St. Lucie county), January 1915

Gainesville (Alachua county), January 1914
Glendale (Walton county), August 1915
Greensboro (Gadsden county), July 1915
Gulfport (Pinellas county)*

Hosford (Liberty county)**

Interlachen (Putnam county), July 1915

Jacksonville (Duval county), September 1913
Jasper (Hamilton county)*

Key West (Monroe county), January 1914
Kissimmee (Osceola county), January 1914

Lake Butler (Union county), January 1915
Lake City (Columbia county)***
Lake Helen (Volusia county), November 1914
Lakeland (Polk county), September 1913
Lake Worth (Palm Beach county), November 1914
Largo (Pinellas county), May 1915
Laurel Hill (Okaloosa county), July 1915
Lawtey (Bradford county), November 1914
Leesburg (Lake county), October 1915
Live Oak (Suwannee county)***
Lynn Haven (Bay county), January 1915

Macclenny (Baker county), August 1915
Manatee (Manatee county), October 1915
Marianna (Jackson county), September 1913
Melbourne (Brevard county), February 1915
Miami (Dade county), July 1914

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*Passed ordinance, but not known if reports were made thereunder.
**Reports made for July-October 1915, only.
***Passed ordinance, but reports not made.

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Milton (Santa Rosa county), May 1915
Molino (Escambia county), August 1915
Mt. Dora (Lake county), October 1914
Mulberry (Polk county)*

Newberry (Alachua county), August 1915
Noma (Holmes county), January 1915

Ocala (Marion county), September 1913
Okeechobee (Okeechobee county), August 1915
Orange Park (Clay county)*
Orlando (Orange county), September 1913
Ormond (Volusia county), March 1915

Pablo Beach (Duval county), September 1914
Palatka (Putnam county), September 1913
Palmetto (Manatee county)*
Panama City (Bay county), November 1914
Pensacola (Escambia county), September 1913
Pinellas Park (Pinellas county), May 1915
Plant City (Hillsborough county), January 1914
Pompano (Broward county), August 1915
Ponce de Leon (Holmes county), June 1915
Port Tampa (Hillsborough county), January 1915
Punta Gorda (Charlotte county)*

Quincy (Gadsden county), January 1914

Reddick (Marion county), August 1915

St. Andrews (Bay county), November 1914
St. Augustine (St. Johns County), January 1914
St. Cloud (Osceola county), October 1914
St. Petersburg (Pinellas county), September 1913
Sanford (Seminole county), September 1913
Sarasota (Sarasota county), June 1914
Sebring (Highlands county), January 1915
Sopchoppy (Wakulla county)*
South Jacksonville (Duval county), October 1914
Starke (Bradford county), February 1915
Stuart (Martin county), November 1914

Taft (Orange county), July 1915
Tallahassee (Leon county), January 1914
Tampa (Hillsborough county), September 1913

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*Passed ordinance, but not known if reports were made thereunder.

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Tarpon Springs (Pinellas county), January 1914
Tavares (Lake county), May 1915
Titusville (Brevard county)**

Umatilla (Lake county), September 1915

Wauchula (Hardee county), June 1915
Wellborn (Suwannee county), July 1915
West Palm Beach (Palm Beach county), September 1914
West Tampa (Hillsborough county), September 1913
Williston (Levy county)*
Winter Haven (Polk county), September 1915
Winter Park (Orange county), December 1915

Zephyrhills (Pasco county), August 1915
Zolfo (Hardee county), July 1915

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*Passed ordinance, but not known if reports were made thereunder.
**Reports made for July-September 1915.

APPENDIX II

List of Counties with the Dates of Their Creation

Alachua, 1824
Baker, 1861
Bay, 1913
Bradford, 1858 (created as New River county; name changed to Bradford, 1861)
Brevard, 1844 (created as St. Lucie county; name changed to Brevard, 1855)
Broward, 1915
Calhoun, 1838
Charlotte, 1921
Citrus, 1887
Clay, 1858
Collier, 1923
Dade, 1836
De Soto, 1887
Dixie, 1921
Duval, 1822
Escambia, 1822
Flagler, 1917
Franklin, 1832
Gadsden, 1823
Gilchrist, 1925
Glades, 1921
Gulf, 1925
Hamilton, 1827
Hardee, 1921
Hendry, 1923
Hernando, 1843 (created as Hernando; name changed to Benton, 1844; name changed to Hernando, 1850)
Highlands, 1921
Hillsborough, 1834
Holmes, 1848
Indian River, 1925
Jackson, 1822
Jefferson, 1827
Lafayette, 1856
Lake, 1887
Lee, 1887
Leon, 1824
Levy, 1845
Liberty, 1855
Madison, 1827
Manatee, 1855
Marion, 1844
Martin, 1925
Monroe, 1823
Nassau, 1824
Okaloosa, 1915
Okeechobee, 1917
Orange, 1824 (created as Mosquito; name changed to Orange, 1845)
Osceola, 1887
Palm Beach, 1909
Pasco, 1887
Pinellas, 1911
Polk, 1861
Putnam, 1849
St. Johns, 1822
St. Lucie, 1905
Santa Rosa, 1842
Sarasota, 1921
Seminole, 1913
Sumter, 1853
Suwannee, 1858
Taylor, 1856
Union, 1921
Volusia, 1854
Wakulla, 1843
Walton, 1824
Washington, 1825

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